CLAIMS

1. A semi-finished article with an interlinked structure for the goldsmith and costume jewelry field, comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain.

2. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein the at least two chains are parallel with each other.

3. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein the at least two chains are arranged at an increasing or decreasing distance from each other.

4. A semi-finished article according to claims 2 or 3, wherein said crosspieces are equally spaced apart from each other.

5. A semi-finished article according to claims 2 or 3, wherein said crosspieces are arranged at a variable distance apart according to a prefixed sequence.

6. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein from at least one of said chains there extends a further plurality of crosspieces connecting the links of that chain to the links of a further chain, so as to form a multiple interlinked structure.

7. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said chains is coupled with a further

chain, further crosspieces extending from the links of said further chain to the links of another chain, so as to form a multiple interlinked structure.

8. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein the chains are made of different metals.

9. A method for the manufacture of a semi-finished article with an interlinked structure for the goldsmith and costume jewelry field formed by at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane and spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, comprising the following steps:

- feeding two chains along a first forwardly moving direction;

- feeding a metal wire in a second direction perpendicular to said first forwardly moving direction;

- cutting said wire into portions of a length equal to the length of said crosspieces;

- translating the portions obtained in this manner to arrange them between two respective links of the two chains; and

- welding the ends of said portions to the sides of the respective links of said chains.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein one of said two chains is replaced by a previously formed semi-finished article, a further group of crosspieces being connected to one chain of said previously formed semi-finished article for connection to the links of a further chain.

11. A method according to claim 9, wherein two or more of said semi-finished articles with an interlinked structure are laid side by side in the same plane and welded along two adjacent chains.

12. A method according to claim 9, wherein said chains are made of different metals.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein at least one of said chains is made of a soluble metal.

14. A method according to claim 12, wherein at least one of said chains consists of links alternately made of precious metal and soluble metal.

15. A method according to claim 9, wherein said crosspieces are arranged between two respective links of said chains in such a manner as to be spaced either equidistantly or at a distance that varies according a prefixed sequence.

16. A method for the manufacture of a semi-finished article with an interlinked structure for the goldsmith and costume jewelry field formed by at least two chains

arranged side-by-side in the same plane and spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, comprising the following steps:

- feeding two chains along a forwardly moving direction;

- feeding portions of a metal wire of a length equal to the length of said crosspieces to arrange them between two respective links of the two chains; and

- welding the ends of said portions to the sides of the respective links of said chains.

17. Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokers, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like made from a semi-finished article with interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein said crosspieces are flattened to increase the ratio between their exposed surface and their weight.

18. Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokers, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like made from a semi-finished article with

interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein said crosspieces are shaped or deformed to increase their brightness.

19. Articles of the goldsmithery or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokers, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like made from a semi-finished article with interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein their structure comprises an alternated sequence of links and crosspieces aligned to each other.

20. Articles of the goldsmithery or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokeres, bracelets, ear rings, pendants, and the like, made from a semi-finished article with interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, characterized in that

their structure comprises a sequence of links with crosspieces radially extending from said links.